enforced by the State Government and the Central Government each in their respective spheres and no efforts should be spared in this direction. Social Security coverage and extension of Welfare measures to unorganised labour also need to be organised in a systematic manner.

The Labour Minister may consider setting up a sub-committee of the Standing Labour Committee to keep under constant review all measures for the benefit of unorganised labour.

Item—4

Safety and Health—factories's Act. 1948.

The Standing Labour Committee noted the legislative measures proposed to be undertaken for the promotion of safety and health in industrial establishments.

It welcomed the measures proposed in this regard.

Item—5

Raising of provident fund contribution.

The Standing Labour Committee unanimously recommended that the rate of contribution, both by employers and employees to the Employees Provident Fund may be raised to 10 per cent from the present rate of 8 per cent (applicable to 132 in industries|classes of establishments which employ 50 or more persons). In respect of other industries|classes of establishment or which employ less than 50 persons and which are covered under the E.P.F. and Miscellaneous provisions Act, 1952, the rate of contribution, by both employees and employers, may be raised to 8-1|2 per cent.

Measures also need to be taken to improve the working of the EPF Organisation, and the Standing Labour Committee suggested that the Ministry of Labour give attention to this aspect. It also recommended review, and some liberalisation, of the EPF's Family Pension Scheme.

Item—6

Workers' participation in management and the question of statutory provisions.

The Standing Labour Committee noted that the scheme for workers' participation in management had already come into existence.

There is already a Tripartite Committee which is reviewing the matter. That Committee may consider this subject. The private sector could also be represented in the Tripartite Committee.

Item—7

Exemption/relaxation of labour laws for small establishments.

The Standing Labour Committee was of the view that this item could be usefully considered by a sub-commitee of the Standing Labour Committee which should have on it representatives from both workers and employers who were from the smaller establishments proposed to be covered in the proposed exemptions|relaxations of labour laws for small establishments. This Committee could make its recommendations to the Government within a month.

Provident fund due from jute mills

133. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that provident fund contribution arrears from the jute mills have accumulated to the tune of crores of rupees;

(b) if so, what are the names of each jute mill and the amount of arrears against such mills at the end of the year 1985-86; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government for the recovery of arrears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the requisite information is attached. (*See below*)

(c) The question of recovery of P.F. arrears from jute mills was discussed at a meeting with the representative of defaulting jute mills in July, 1986 and the following decision was taken with regard to the recovery of arrears:—

(i) the jute mills will be regular in payment of current dues from July, 1986;

(ii) a deduction of 8 per cent will be made from the amount payable to the defaulting jute mills on all purchases on the Government account and the amount so realised will be adjusted against outstanding dues for the period prior to July, 1986.

Further action is being taken on the above lines.

Statement

The Names of Jute Mills and the provident fund arrears against them as on 30-6-1986

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Mill	Amount of arrears
1	M/s. Sree Ambica Jute Mills Ltd., Howrah	239·17
2	M/s. Baranagar Jute Factory, Calcutta	285·94
3	M/s. Hanuman Jute Mills Ltd., Howrah	43·25
4	M/s. Kankinara Co. Ltd., 24 Parganas, West Bengal.	212·09
5	M/s. Naffar Chandra Jute Mills Ltd., 24 Parganas, West Bengal.	19·99
6	M/s. Howrah Mills Ltd., Howrah.	237·00
7	Delta Jute Industries Ltd., Howrah	189·00
8	M/s. Magna Mills Ltd., 24 Parganas, West Bengal	364.00
9	M/s. Caledonion Jute Mills Ltd., 24 Parganas, West Bengal.	20.53
10	M/s. Fortwilliam Co. Ltd., Howrah.	54.38
11	M/s. Gouri Shanker Jute Mills Ltd., 24 Parganas, West Bengal.	76·00
12	M/s. Agarpara Co. Ltd., Calcutta	100·63
13	M/s. Naihati Jute Mills Ltd., 24 Parganas, West Bengal	118·94
14	M/s. Angus Co. Ltd., Hooghly	318.25
15	M/s. Shyamnuggar Jute Mills Ltd., Hooghly, West Bengal	382.74
16	M/s. Victoria Jute Mills Ltd., Hooghly	159·37
17	M/s. Naddea Mills Ltd., 24 Parganas, West Bengal.	380·98
18	M/s. Gouripore Co. Ltd., 24 Parganas, West Bengal.	294·00
19	M/s. Kelvin Jute Co., Ltd., 24 Parganas, West Bengal.	340·31
20	M/s. Titagarh Jute Co. Ltd., 24 Parganas.	450·00
21	M/s. Bird Jute & Export Ltd., Calcutta.	18·00

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Mill	Amount of arrears
22	M/s. Budge Budge Jute Co. Ltd., 24 Parganas.	148·00
23	M/s. New Central Jute Mills Ltd., 24 Parganas.	535·00
24	M/s. Dalhousie Jute Mills Ltd., Hooghly.	147·00
25	M/s. Eastern Mfg. Co. Ltd., 24 Parganas, West Bengal.	130·00
26	M/s. North Brook Jute Mills Ltd., Hooghly.	115.02
27	M/s. Wellington Jute Mills Ltd., Hooghly	76·38
28	M/s. India Jute Mills Ltd., Hooghly.	60·00
29	M/s. Ganges Mfg. Co. Ltd., Hooghly.	20·00
30	M/s. Calcutta Jute Mills Co. Ltd., Calcutta 53.	26·44
31	M/s. Bharat Jute Mills Mfg. Co. Ltd., Howrah.	101·64
32	M/s. Empire Jute Mills Co. Ltd., 24 Parganas.	208·00
	TOTAL	

Action against corrupt-officers of United Bank of India at Bokaro

134. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint of interefernce in the process of taking disciplinary action against the corrupt officials of United Bank of India stationed at Bokaro; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Attention of Government had been drawn by a Special Mention in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 1986 regarding alleged interference by the Ministry of Finance in the decision of the United Bank of India to transfer and suspend the previous Agent of its Bokaro Steel City Industrial Estate Branch. The allegation, in so far as it related to interference from the Ministry, was not correct. United Bank of India has reported that the decision to transfer and suspend the said official had been modified as a result of the senior executives of the Bank being intimidated and coerced by the delinquent officer and Union Representatives into agreeing not to transfer the said officer.

Irregularities in loan melas

135. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation has revealed certain irregularities in the much published 'Loan melas';

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings of the study and what corrective measures are proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to lay a copy of the study report on the Table of the House?